

MONTANA WOLF PROGRAM - WEEKLY REPORT

TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Ken McDonald, Wildlife Bureau Chief
SUBJECT: Wolf Program Activities and Related Information
WEEK OF: April 13 – May 10, 2013

Contributors to the Montana Wolf Weekly are Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP), Universities, USDA Wildlife Services (WS), the National Park Service (NPS; Glacier NP; Yellowstone National Park will be reported in the Wyoming Wolf Weekly), US Forest Service, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, and the Blackfeet Nation.

PROGRAM UPDATES:

Weekly reports for 2013 will be shown in an additive, running tally fashion. New incidents will be pasted to the bottom of the tables each week.

Montana Annual Wolf Report can be found on the FWP website:

<http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/management/wolf/>

To learn more about Montana's wolf population, the Montana program and to help FWP monitor wolves by reporting wolf sign, visit FWP online. <http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/management/wolf/>

To anonymously report a dead or injured wolf or suspected illegal activity, call: 1-800-TIP-MONT or 1-800-847-6668.

To request an investigation of injured or dead livestock, call USDA Wildlife Services directly in western Montana / Helena area at 406-458-0106 or in eastern Montana at the statewide office at 406-657-6464. Or, call your nearest FWP representative to have your call referred to Wildlife Services.

If you have a confirmed or probable livestock death loss due to wolves, USDA Wildlife Services will supply you with a copy of the Loss Reimbursement Application form. For more information, see <http://liv.mt.gov/default.mcp> Or, contact the Livestock Loss Reduction and Mitigation Program Coordinator, George Edwards at the Montana Department of Livestock at 406-444-5609.

WOLF-LIVESTOCK CONFLICTS									
Date	General Area (County)	Pack Name	Livestock Type and # (injured livestock (i), probable kills (p) or confirmed kills (c))					Land Type	Authorized Control Action
			Cattle	Sheep	Goat/ Llama	Horse	Dog		
1/2/2013	Near Dell (Beaverhead)	Four eyes					2i	Private	Lethal removal of 2 wolves
1/4/2013	NW of Philipsburg (Granite)	Harvey Creek	1c					Private	Lethal removal
1/6/2013	NW of Philipsburg (Granite)	Harvey Creek	1c					Private	Lethal removal
1/26/2013	Ennis (Madison)	Cedar Creek	1c					Private	Lethal removal of 2 wolves/collar
1/28/2013	N of Canyon Creek (Lewis and Clark)	Granite Butte		3c1i				Private	Lethal removal
2/21/2013	Harrison (Madison)	Meadow Creek	1i					Private	Lethal removal of 2 wolves
2/25/2013	Near Dell (Beaverhead)	Four eyes		1c				Private	Lethal removal of 2-3 wolves
3/8/2013	Alberton (Missoula)	Unknown	1c					Private	Prevention/Kill permit (1 wolf)
3/20/2013	Grant (Beaverhead)	Jeff Davis	1i					Private	Lethal removal of 2 wolves
3/16/2013	Ninemile Valley (Missoula)	Ninemile	1p					Private	Prevention
3/28/2013	Cameron (Madison)	Unknown	1c					Private	Lethal removal of 3/collar
3/29/2013	N. of Dell (Beaverhead)	Price Creek	1c					Private	Lethal removal
4/1/2013	Deep Creek (Teton)	Teton	1c					Private	Lethal removal of 4 wolves/collar
4/2/2013	Grant (Beaverhead)	Jeff Davis	1c					Private	Lethal removal of 2 wolves
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4/10/2013	Boulder (Jefferson)	Elkhorn	1c					Private	Remove pack
4/16/2013	Wisdom (Deerlodge)	Pintler	1c					Private	Lethal removal of 2 wolves
4/19/2013	White Sulphur (Meagher)	Unknown	1c					Private	Lethal removal of 1 wolf/SOS permit
4/21/2013	Helmville (Powell)	Unknown	1p					Private	Radio collar 1 wolf
4/24/2013	Madison Valley (Madison)	Unknown	1p					Private	Lethal removal of 3
4/24/2013	Gardiner (Park)	Unknown		21c				Private	Shoot on sight permit
4/24/2013	Grant (Beaverhead)	Jeff Davis	2c					Private	Lethal removal of 2 wolves
4/24/2013	Niarada (Sanders)	Dry Forks	1c					CSKT	Remove offending wolves
4/26/2013	Niarada (Sanders)	Dry Forks	1c					CSKT	Remove offending wolves
4/26/2013	Cedar Creek (Madison)	Unknown	1c					Private	Lethal removal of 3 to 6 wolves
5/8/2013	Tom Miner Basin (Park)	Steamboat	1p					Private	Radio collar and release
2013 Running Total*			19c4p2i	25c1i			2i		

WOLF CAPTURE, COLLARING, REMOVAL ACTIVITIES									
Date ¹	General Area (County)	Pack Name	Capture/Collaring			Lethal Removal (# wolves)		Control Action - ongoing/ completed	Other Mortalities (by cause)
			FWP (monitoring/ research)	WS	Other (tribal/incidental)	WS	Landowner		
1/3/2013	Clearwater Junction (Powell)	Unknown							1 (vehicle)
1/7/2013	NW of Philipsburg (Granite)	Harvey Creek				3		Ongoing	
1/2/2013	SW of Augusta (Lewis and Clark)	Benchmark				6			
1/17/2013	NW of Philipsburg (Granite)	Harvey Creek				1		Ongoing	
1/17/2013	Libby (Lincoln)	Unknown							1 (unknown)
1/19/2013	Fisher River (Lincoln)	Nyack							1 (train)
1/22/2013	SW of Augusta (Lewis and Clark)	Benchmark				1		Completed	
1/23/2013	NW of Philipsburg (Granite)	Harvey Creek				1		Ongoing	
1/28/2013	Ennis (Madison)	Cedar Creek				2		Completed	
2/1/2013	N of Canyon Creek (Lewis and Clark)	Granite Butte				1		Ongoing	
2/2/2013	N of Canyon Creek (Lewis and Clark)	Granite Butte				1		Completed	
2/11/2013	West Boulder (Sweetgrass)	Baker Mountain	1						
2/20/2013	Dupuyer Creek (Teton)	Bennie							1 (euthanized)
3/26/2013	Plains (Sanders)	Corona							1 (unknown)
3/28/2013	Lonepine (Sanders)	Garden							1 (capture mortality)
3/29/2013	Dell (Beaverhead)	Unknown				3			
3/29/2013	Cameron (Madison)	Unknown		1				Ongoing	
4/5/2013	Unknown (Unknown)	Unknown							1 (illegal)
4/10/2013	White Sulphur	Unknown							1 (DOP)

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	(Meagher)								
4/12/2013	Cameron (Madison)	Unknown				1			
4/14/2013	Bedrock Creek (Lewis and Clark)	Blowout Mtn	1						
4/22/2013	St. Regis (Mineral)	Keystone	1						
4/24/2013	Harrison (Madison)	Unknown		1				Ongoing	
5/2/2013	Fish Creek (Mineral County)	Unknown	1						
5/4/2013	Cedar Creek (Madison)	Unknown		1				Ongoing	
5/7/2013	Cedar Creek (Madison)					2		Ongoing	
5/8/2013	Darby (Ravalli)	Divide Creek							1(trapping mortality)
5/8/2013	Fish Creek (Mineral)	Unknown	1						
2013 Running Total ¹			5	4		22			9
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